Lok and roads in front of Yamuna Sports Complex which generally attains form of a drain in monsoon season and creates a lot of health hazards to nearby residents;

(b) whether Government have received any representation for the conversion of 'Land use' of said land;

(c) whether Government would develop the above said land as a park or in any other way to solve the problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The DDA has reported that the vacant piece of land surrounded by Anand Vihar, Vigyan Lok and road in front of Yamuna Sports Complex is earmarked for Commercial use (Community Centre) as per Master Plan and Zonal Plan for Zone 'E' (Trans-Yamuna area).

(b) No, sir.

(c) and (d) The Community Centre is proposed to be taken up during 1999-2000 for design and construction.

Provision for HBA Grantees to refund interest

4429. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for House Building Advance grantees to refund the interest of the advance amount in a lump-sum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of grantees who have applied for such refund in a lump-sum; and

(d) the details of those whose requests have since been acceeded to/rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) According to the House Building Advance Rules, recovery of interest commences after the recovery of principal. It is open to the Government servants to repay the entire amount including interest in lump-sum.

(c) and (d); House Building Advance Scheme is being operated on a decentralised basis. No such request is pending with this Ministry.

Criteria for Mega City

4430. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Government for declaring "Mega City" under Mega City Scheme;

(b) the number of on going projects under the scheme alongwith their present status in the country, Sate-wise;

(c) whether State Governments have sought additional financial assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether Government propose to include more cities under the Scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Government have not declared any city as "Mega City" under the Mega Cities Scheme. However, cities with population of 4 million and above, as per 1991 Census (excluding Delhi) have been included under the Mega Cities Scheme.

(b) There are 95 on-going projects under Mega Cities Scheme. The details of present status of implementation of on-going projects under Mega City Scheme are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below)

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Question does not arise.